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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM JOEL DIXON AND
DONNA DIXON, on Behalf of the Wrongful
Death Beneficiaries of William Joel Dixon**

PLAINTIFF

v.

CIVIL ACTION**No. 1:17-cv-263-LG-RHW**

**GEORGE COUNTY, CITY OF LUCEDALE,
AND CARMON SUE BRANNAN,
In Her Individual Capacity**

DEFENDANTS

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

This Order, including all deadlines, has been established with the participation of all parties and can be modified only by order of the Court on a showing of good cause supported with affidavits, other evidentiary materials, or reference to portions of the record.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. ESTIMATED DAYS OF TRIAL: 10 days

ESTIMATED TOTAL NUMBER OF WITNESSES: ~ 30

EXPERT TESTIMONY EXPECTED: Yes

NO. OF EXPERTS:

~ 10

2. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION [ADR].

Alternative dispute resolution techniques appear helpful and will be used in this civil action as follows:

Alternative dispute resolution may be helpful at some point during the litigation. The parties will contact the Court when and if advisable.

3. CONSENT TO TRIAL BY UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE.

The parties do not consent to trial by a United States Magistrate Judge.

4. DISCLOSURE.

The pre-discovery disclosure requirements of Fed.R.Civ.P.26(a)(1) and U.L.Civ.R. 16(d) and 26(a) have been complied with fully.

5. MOTIONS; ISSUE BIFURCATION.

Staged resolution, or bifurcation of the issues for trial in accordance with FED. R. CIV. P. 42(b) will assist in the prompt resolution of this action. Accordingly, the Court orders that:

Any punitive damage phase of the trial will be bifurcated.

Early filing of the following motion(s) might significantly affect the scope of discovery or otherwise expedite the resolution of this action:

Defendants reserve the right to assert all defenses concerning governmental immunity, including qualified immunity. The Court orders that immunity defense motions may be filed at any time prior to the motions deadline. Discovery may be conducted on all issues at this time. The Defendants do not waive their immunity defenses by proceeding in this manner.

6. DISCOVERY PROVISIONS AND LIMITATIONS.

- A. Interrogatories are limited to 25 succinct questions.
- B. Requests for Production are limited to 25 succinct questions.
- C. Requests for Admissions are limited to 25 succinct questions.
- D. Depositions are limited to the parties, experts, and no more than 20 fact witness depositions per party without additional approval of the Court.

- E.** The parties have complied with the requirements of Local Rule 26(e)(2)(B) regarding discovery of electronically stored information and have concluded as follows [The parties **MUST** state whether or not there is ESI and, if so, how they propose to address it]:

At this time, the parties are unaware of any ESI. For any relevant e-mail communications that become an issue, the parties will produce such communications via hard copy. The parties do not expect to perform any forensic searches on computer hard drives. The parties are not aware of any discoverable deleted ESI. The parties do not anticipate requesting any discoverable ESI with embedded data and/or metadata. The parties are not aware of any discoverable ESI that is not reasonably accessible at this time. In the event that any privileged information is inadvertently disclosed via any ESI, the parties agree that the privilege is not waived.

- F.** The court imposes the following further discovery provisions or limitations:

- ☐ 1. The parties have agreed that defendant may obtain a Fed. R. Civ. P. 35 (L.U.Civ.R. 35) medical examination of the plaintiff (within subpoena range of the court) by a physician who has not examined the plaintiff, and that defendant may arrange the examination without further order of the court.
- ☒ 2. Pursuant to Rule 502(d) of the Federal Rules of Evidence, the attorney-client privilege and the work-product protections are not waived by any disclosure connected within this litigation pending before this Court. Further, the disclosures are not waived in any other federal or state proceeding.
- ☒ 3. Plaintiff must execute an appropriate, HIPAA-compliant medical authorization.
- ☒ 4. The court desires to avoid the necessity of filing written discovery motions where court participation in an informal discussion of the issue might resolve it, even after the parties have been unsuccessful in a good faith attempt to do so. Consequently, before a party may serve any discovery motion, counsel must first confer in good faith as required by F.R. Civ. P. 37(a)(1). If the attorney conference does not resolve the dispute, counsel must contact the chambers of the magistrate judge to request a telephonic conference to discuss the issue as contemplated by F.R. Civ.P. 16(b)(3)(B)(v). Only if the telephonic conference with the judge is unsuccessful in resolving the issue may a party file a discovery motion
- ☐ 5. Other:

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Additional Provisions:

7. SCHEDULING DEADLINES

A. Trial. This action is set for JURY TRIAL during a three-week term of court beginning on: March 4, 2019, at 9:00, a.m., in Gulfport, Mississippi, before United States District Judge Louis Guirola, Jr.

ANY CONFLICTS WITH THIS TRIAL DATE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE TRIAL JUDGE IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER.

B. Pretrial. The pretrial conference is set on: February 20-21, 2019, at 9:00, a.m., in Gulfport, Mississippi, before United States District Judge Louis Guirola, Jr.

C. Discovery. All discovery must be completed by: September 6, 2018.

D. Amendments. Motions for joinder of parties or amendments to the pleadings must be filed by: February 1, 2018.

E. Experts. The parties' experts must be designated by the following dates:

1. Plaintiff(s): March 1, 2018.

2. Defendant(s): April 16, 2018.

8. MOTIONS. All dispositive motions and *Daubert*-type motions challenging another party's expert must be filed by: September 20, 2018. The deadline for motions *in limine* is fourteen days before the pretrial conference; the deadline for responses is seven days before the pretrial conference.

9. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE.

A SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE is set on: November 27, 2018, at 1:30, p.m. in Gulfport, Mississippi, before United States Magistrate Judge Robert H. Walker.

Seven (7) days before the settlement conference, the parties must submit via e-mail to the magistrate judge's chambers an updated CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT MEMORANDUM. All parties are required to be present at the conference unless excused by the Court. If a party believes the scheduled settlement conference would not be productive and should be cancelled, the party is directed to inform the Court via e-mail of the grounds for their belief at least seven (7) days prior to the conference.

10. REPORT REGARDING ADR. On or before (7 days before FPTC) February 13, 2019, the parties must report to the undersigned all ADR efforts they have undertaken to comply with the Local Rules or provide sufficient facts to support a finding of just cause for failure to comply. *See L.U.Civ.R.83.7(f)(3).*

SO ORDERED:

December 19, 2017
DATE

/s/ Robert H. Walker
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE